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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R § 1.111 Applicants respond to the current Office Action and request that the following amendments be entered and the following remarks be considered.

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 17 through 38.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 (c)(3) please replace all of the pending claims with the following clean set of all pending claims having the same numbers. A marked-up version of amended claim 3 is included in the Appendix.